Spring into Writing!



Students in grades 3-8 are invited
to the **Young Writers' Festival,**
sponsored by the WNY Writing Project,
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
at Canisius College

Students will participate in writing workshops,
enjoy a light lunch and are encouraged to
read their writing during an "open mic" session.

$20 per student

For a brochure and registration form,
log on to **www.canisius.edu/wnywp**

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The Western New York Writing Project invites children in grades 3-8 to "Spring into Writing" at the young writers' festival.

Select ONE work-shop from among the three choices for your grade level.

If you'd like, bring a short piece (two pages maximum) you've written to read during "open mic" time after lunch!





Schedule

Saturday, April 28

8:30-9 a.m. *Registration*

9-9:15 a.m. *Welcome*

9:15-9:45 a.m. *Opening session for all participants*

10-11:15 a.m. *Workshops*

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. *Lunch*

12:30-1 p.m. *"Open mic"*



WNY Writing Project
An affiliate of the National Writing Project

888-3134
www.canisius.edu/wnywp

Young Writers' Festival

9 a.m. -1 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Canisius College
(Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center)



Sponsored by the WNY Writing Project

Workshops for grades 3-5

(Choose <u>one</u>)

"In Your Own Words" Teacher Elaine Fantini will discuss personal narrative writing, using picture books as examples. Students will develop their own story based on "small moments" they remember.

"Discovery Zone" What is a poem? What can it do? Teaching Artist Karen Lewis will help participants open their mind to a playground of words and develop a stronger belief in themselves and in poetry.

"Fun with Folktales" Teacher Terri Simmons presents a cultural journey through storytelling. Participants will identify the elements of a folktale, make a prediction and extend a folktale in their own way.

Workshops for grades 6-8

(Choose <u>one</u>)

"What If...The Seeds of Fiction" Author and college professor Mick Cochrane will lead students in finding and selecting a fictional premise – the "what ifs" – from which their own stories may grow.

"Word Play" Northwestern University student and playwright Aaron Mays will discuss what it's like to have his words spoken on stage, and will lead participants in writing play dialog of their own.

"Howdunnit for Whodunnits" Edgar Award-winning author Gary Earl Ross discusses how mystery stories capture their audiences. He will review the fundamentals of the mystery story and discuss tricks to make your mystery more exciting.

Registration Form

Child's name: _____

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Address: _____

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Workshop 1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice:_____

Child's grade: _____

Send in this completed form and payment **<u>by Friday, March 30</u>** to:

Young Writers Festival
WNY Writing Project
Canisius College
2001 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208

<u>Cost is $20 per student.</u>

Make check payable to Western New York Writing Project.